GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote professionalism in the agriculyture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal from State to establish a Human Resource Development Centre in each University to educate the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through updating curricula

- Curriculum in Agriculture and Allied Sciences completely restructured.
- Skill based entrepreneur development courses introduced.

- Rural Agriculture Work Experience programme introduced as an integral component of professional degree programmes.
- Two-year professional electives have been introduced in revised four-year Home Science Degree programme.

2. Through vocational programmes

- ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities are organizing refresher courses regularly for updating the skills of professionals and para-professionals in line departments.

- Summer/winter/short training courses are proposed to be organized at State Agricultural Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research institutes for Human Resource Development in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sciences.

3. Through Extension Education, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ICAR Institutes, regular vocational training programme of short and long duration are organized to primarily train para-professionals in gardening, green house management, nursery management, sheep, goat and poultry housing and management, bee keeping, fish hatchery management, child and women health care and management of farm implements etc.

4. Faculty Competence Improvement: National and international training programmes for faculty members are to be organised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.